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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO CITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether apart from MTNL Delhi and other cities will be served by more than one phone system;

(b) if so, the areas/locations to be covered by this system, city-wise; and

(c) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Licences have been granted for operation of Basic Telephone Service in 21 Service Areas as per details in the enclosed Annexure. These licensees are supposed to install a Point of Presence (POP) in each Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA typically Tehsils in a phased manner.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE LIST OF PRIVATE LICENSEES FOR PROVISION OF BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE

S.No.	Name of Circle	Name of the private Licensees
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
2	Andhra Pradesh	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
3	Assam	NIL
4	Bihar	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
5	Delhi	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd
6	Gujrat	M/s Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd
7	Haryana	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
8	Himachal Pradesh	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
9	Jammu & Kashmir	NIL
10	Karnataka	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd
11	Kerala	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
12	Madhya Pradesh	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
13	Maharashtra	M/s Hughes Tele. Com India Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
14	North East	NIL
15	Orissa	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
16	Punjab	M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
17	Rajasthan	M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
18	Tamilnadu	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd M/s Reliance Communications Ltd M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd
19	Uttar Pradesh West	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
20	Uttar Pradesh East	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd
21	West Bengal	M/s Reliance Communications Ltd